

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
Tribal Council Chambers  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
May 7, 2015

Closed Session: Yes

Call to Order: 9:07 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

Council Present: Secretary Julia Shananaquet, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Aaron Otto

Absent: Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Enjinaaknegeng General Counsel James Bransky, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Legislative Administrative Assistant Tamara Kiogima

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Chairperson Gasco Bentley, Keely Frye, Stacy Ettawageshik

Public: Citizen Andrew Stich

Invited Guests: Odawa Casino Resort - General Manager Eric McLester, Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin, Director of Slots Dennis Shananaquet, Director of Hospitality Hank Rowland, Chief Financial Officer Roger Borton, Table Games Director Shane Robertson, Marketing Director Britta Erickson.

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Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to adopt the agenda of May 7, 2015 as amended.

Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

**9:16 a.m.** Councilor Winnay Wemigwase arrives.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 23, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion carried.

**9:17 a.m.:** Elder comments. No comments.

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2 **9:19 a.m.** Odawa Casino Resort – Five (5) year Strategic Plan (Closed Session)

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4 **9:19 a.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to  
5 go into closed session for confidential business matters.

6 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

7 Motion carried.

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9 **10:44 a.m.** Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor  
10 Wemigwase to return to open session.

11 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Keshick)

12 Motion carried.

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14 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to  
15 acknowledge receipt of Odawa Casino Five (5)-Year Strategic Plan as presented  
16 on May 7, 2015.

17 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Councilor Keshick, Councilor  
18 Wemigwase)

19 Motion carried.

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21 **10:46 a.m.** Break.

22 **10:59 a.m.** Resume.

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24 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to amend  
25 the agenda to include Motion to approve the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa  
26 Indians Five (5) Year Strategic Economic Development Plan for Odawa Casino  
27 Resort.

28 Vote: 7-Yes, 1-No (Councilor Keshick), 0-Abstained, 0–Absent.

29 Motion carried.

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31 **Executive Updates -**

32 Discussion: Introduction of new Natural Resource Department staff: Jason Smith  
33 and Lauren Dey, Archives and Records due to meet with Appropriations and  
34 Finance Committee regarding expansion. New Security System soon to roll out.  
35 Title VII Year End Celebration. Received a letter from Housing with a clean grant  
36 audit. Leftover Grant monies for identification kits for children and elders.

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38 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
39 acknowledge the verbal Executive report of Chairperson Gasco-Bentley as  
40 presented on April 9, 2015.

41 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Keshick) .

42 Motion carried.

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44 **11:45 a.m.** Public Comment opens:

- 45 • Citizen Andrew Stich commented on the following Tribal Council presence  
46 at the Annual Community meeting, Hearing Aides, Odawa Economic

1 Development Management, Inc. and web postings for Charter  
2 Corporationsmeeting scheduals and Tribal Council Travel Reports.  
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5 **11:53 a.m.** Public Comment closes.  
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7 **Legislative Leader Report** - Position is currently vacant.  
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9 **Secretary Report:**

10 The following Tribal Council adopted/approved documents were delivered/signed  
11 by the Executive:  
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- 13 • Tribal Resolution **#042315-01**- Allocation of General Fund Balance Funds  
14 to Address Tribal Priorities of Investments, Legal Expenses, Economic  
15 Development and Supplemental Funding delivered to the Executive on 04-  
16 29-15 and signed on 04-29-15.  
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- 18 • Tribal Resolution **#042315-02**- Rescission of Tribal Resolution #010613-  
19 02 and Reallocation of Capital Project Fund Monies to the General Fund  
20 Balance Funds delivered to the Executive on 04-29-15 and signed on 04-  
21 29-15.  
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- 23 • Tribal Resolution **#042315-03**- Utility Costs for the Kings Inn property  
24 delivered to the Executive on 04-29-15 and signed on 04-29-15.  
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- 26 • Tribal Resolution **#042315-04**- Prepare for Litigation and Appropriation of  
27 Funds delivered to the Executive on 04-29-15 and signed on 04-29-15.  
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- 29 • Tribal Resolution **#042315-05**- Funding for Waganakising Odawak Statute  
30 2015-001 Elders Commission delivered to the Executive on 04-29-15 and  
31 signed on 04-29-15.  
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- 33 • Tribal Resolution **#042315-06**- Odawa Casino Resort Five Year Strategic  
34 Plan delivered to the Executive on 04-29-15 and signed on 04-29-15.  
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- 36 • Tribal Resolution **#042715-01**- Appropriation of Funds for the 2016  
37 Operating Budgets and Restatement of Funding Allocation for the 2016  
38 Fiscal Year  
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- 40 • Waganakising Odawak Statute Gaming Enterprise Board delivered to the  
41 Executive on 04-29-15, status pending.  
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43 **Vetoos:** None  
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45 **Phone Polls:** The following phone polls were conducted on the following dates:

- **04-27-15:** Motion to adopt Tribal Resolution #042715-01: Appropriation of Funds for the 2016 Operating Budgets and Restatement of Funding Allocation for the 2016 Fiscal Year.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Secretary Shananaquet's report as presented on May 7, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent.

Motion carried.

**11:59 a.m.** Lunch Break.

**1:35 p.m.** Meeting Resumes.

**1:36 p.m.** Councilor Wemigwase arrives.

**1:37 p.m.** Councilor Naganashe arrives.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to amend the agenda to include Motion for Closed Session for Personnel, under the authority of Tribal Council.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent.

Motion carried.

**1:43 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to go into closed session for Personnel under the authority of Tribal Council.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent.

Motion carried.

**2:14 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to return to open session.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent.

Motion carried.

**2:15 p.m.** Break.

**2:20 p.m.** Resume.

*Note: Request was made by Secretary Shananaquet to address Agenda Item re: Roll Call vote for Personal Protection Orders and No Contact Orders, at this time in order to accommodate staff input. Tribal Council agreed. See vote under Action Item: Roll Call.*

#### **Treasurer Report:**

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Reyes on May 7, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion carried.

#### **Tribal Council Travel Reports:**

1 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to  
2 acknowledge the verbal travel report of Councilor Wemigwase regarding  
3 attendance at the Environmental Protection Agency meeting held in Washington,  
4 DC on April 26 – May 1, 2015.

5 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

6 Motion carried.

## 7 8 **Tribal Council Committee Reports:**

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10 **Gaming Authority Committee** – No meeting to report.

### 11 12 **Agriculture Assessment Work Group**

13 Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
14 accept the verbal report of the Agriculture Ad-hoc Work Group as presented by  
15 Councilor Keshick, Committee Chairman.

16 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent .

17 Motion carried.

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19 **Land and Reservation Committee** - No meeting to report.

### 20 21 **Legal Legislative Committee**

22 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
23 accept the verbal report of the Legal and Legislative Committee as presented by  
24 Councilor Law, Committee Chairperson.

25 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent .

26 Motion carried.

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28 **Ethics Committee** – No meeting to report.

## 29 30 **Legislative Office Reports:**

### 31 32 **Sr. Financial Analyst Report**

33 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to accept  
34 Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay's written report as presented on May 7, 2015.

35 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

36 Motion carried.

### 37 38 **Legislative Services Attorney Report**

39 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to  
40 accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report as  
41 presented on May 7, 2015.

42 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

43 Motion carried.

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45 **Enjinaaknegeng**

1 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to  
2 accept General Counsel Bransky's verbal and written report as presented on  
3 May 7, 2015.

4 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

5 Motion carried.

7 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Naganashe  
8 to authorize and approve the travel of one or two Tribal Councilors to attend  
9 meetings in Michigan, Minneapolis and Washington, D.C. regarding Reservation  
10 litigation for FY 2015.

11 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

12 Motion carried.

### 14 **Legislative Office Manager**

15 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept  
16 Legislative Office Manager LaCount's verbal and written report as presented on  
17 May 7, 2015 and to acknowledge Legislative Office Assistant Tamara Kiogima's  
18 Tri-Sec Training report.

19 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

20 Motion carried.

### 22 **Action Items - Motions**

23 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Denemy to  
24 approve the signing of Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Reciprocal Law  
25 Enforcement Agreement.

26 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

27 Motion carried.

29 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
30 approve Enrollment List C Voluntary Relinquishment dated May 6, 2015 for a  
31 total of 2.

32 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

33 Motion carried.

35 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve  
36 the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians confidential Five Year Strategic  
37 Economic Development Plan for Odawa Casino Resort as presented by the  
38 (OCR) and the Gaming Authority Committee dated May 7, 2015.

39 Vote: 5-Yes, 2-No (Secretary Shananaquet, Councilor Keshick), 1-Abstained,  
40 0-Absent

41 Motion carried.

### 43 **4:36 p.m. Public comment opens:**

- 44 • Citizen John Keshick mentioned the need for unanimous votes on  
45 economic development.

### 46 **4:38 p.m. Public comment closes.**

1 **Action Items: Roll Call Votes**

2 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to pass the  
3 Personal Protection Orders and No Contact Orders and Violations of Protective  
4 Orders Statute.

5 Roll call: Councilor Denemy=yes, Councilor Keshick=no, Councilor Law=yes,  
6 Councilor Naganashe=no, Councilor Otto=yes, Councilor Wemigwase=no,  
7 Treasurer Reyes=yes, Secretary Shananaquet=yes

8 Motion carried.

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10 **4:39 p.m.** Break.

11 **4:39 p.m.** Councilor Naganashe exits.

12 **4:44 p.m.** Meeting Resumes.

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14 **Other Items of Business**

15 **4:45 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor  
16 Wemigwase to go into closed session for Legislative Branch personnel.

17 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

18 Motion carried.

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20 **5:11 p.m** Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor  
21 Wemigwase to return to open session.

22 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent

23 Motion carried.

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25 **Adjournment**

26 **5:12 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Reyes  
27 to adjourn meeting.

28 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

29 Motion carried.

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31 **Next Scheduled Meeting**  
32 **May 21, 2015**

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34 Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403 or 231-242-1404 for  
35 additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented.

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37 These Minutes have been read and approved as written (or) corrected: (delete  
38 either the word “written” or “corrected” as pertains to how the minutes were  
39 approved.)

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44 Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary

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Date